

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

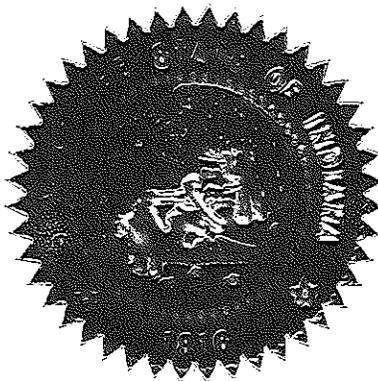
- WHEREAS,** the State of Indiana is committed to improving the health, safety and well-being of Hoosier families, especially children; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Indiana recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 100,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indiana Department of Child Services is actively recruiting adoptive families for 75-100 children; and
- WHEREAS,** in State Fiscal Year 2013 the Department of Child Services completed over 1,300 adoptions; and
- WHEREAS,** every successful adoption is more than an achievement for these children and their adoptive families; it is a success story in which all residents of Indiana can share; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana's future depends on today's children, and the state is committed to helping all children grow and develop to their full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico we celebrate that children are being given the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the life of a child through adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as

ADOPTION MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 4th
day of October in the year of our
Lord 2013 and of the Independence
of the United States 237.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Michael R. Pence